

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on a majority staff draft for a Renewable Electricity Standard proposal.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Gina.Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Leon Lowery at (202) 224-2209 or Gina Weinstock at (202) 224-5684.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the current state of the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program, authorized under Title 17 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and how the delivery of services to support the deployment of clean energy technologies might be improved.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to rachelpasternack@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Mike Carr at (202) 224-8164 or Rachel Pasternack at (202) 224-0883.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Lacey Oliver of my Finance Committee staff be granted the privileges of the floor during the first session of the 111th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Vishal Patel

and Samantha Harvell, two fellows in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the pendency of H.R. 1.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZING USE OF THE  
ROTUNDA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 27 at the desk, just received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 27) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the ceremony in honor of the bicentennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 27) was agreed to.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this resolution, incidentally, authorizes the use of the Capitol Rotunda on February 12, 2009, on the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln. We originally thought a smaller venue would be adequate, but interest in this event has grown. I hope people across America realize that as we celebrate here, there will be celebrations in Springfield, IL, and many other venues.

## APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, appoints the following Senator to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 111th Congress: the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH).

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94-118, Section 4 (a) (3), appoints the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, appoints the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, ap-

points the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 111th Congress: the Honorable CHRIS DODD of Connecticut; the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE of Rhode Island; the Honorable TOM UDALL of New Mexico; and the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN of New Hampshire.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 111th Congress: the Honorable SAXBY CHAMBLISS of Georgia and the Honorable SAM BROWNBACK of Kansas.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: the Honorable AMY KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 4, 2009

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, February 4; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1, the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the economic recovery legislation. Additional amendments are going to be offered and debated during tomorrow's session. Rollcall votes are expected to occur in the late afternoon hours. Senators will be notified when the votes are scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:45 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at 10:30 a.m.